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Dear Joshua,

Thanks very much for your letters and application blanks. The set-up at Wisconsin sounds as if it should be not only liberal but also quite adequate, particularly if a half time assistantship were available. I am sorry, but the application to the USPHS was already partly "in action" before I received your letters. At present I am seeing if it would be possible to be admitted to the Department of Chemistry at University of Chicago. However, the plans and arrangements are still pending. I would say that this is the important question to be considered in any decision: would it be more advisable to spend a year or two concentrating exclusively on the physical sciences, or is it better to incorporate such work into an experimental program? Frankly, neither I nor anybody else has as yet been able to produce a satisfactory answer. Perhaps, after all it is only a matter of how one allocates his time, and, in the end, the final result will be identical. Therefore the solution is probably sought in the actual openings of various departments.

Viewing the matter in this light, I wrote to George Wald and F. O. Schmitt some days ago. Then there is also the possibility of working in Cori's or Barron's Lab. As you can readily see everything is still tentative. Whatever statement is sent to the USPHS will be more in the way of an assurance that their money will be disposed of satisfactorily than an actual flat statement. (There may be one chance in one thousand that I would ever get a N.I.H. Fellowship) If you have any further questions, I will be very glad to answer them.

Monday I shall see the dean as to the possibility of a leave of absence. I shall send you whatever additional information is gathered at that time and your application blanks. If the administration at Wisconsin has expressed any opinions about the possibility of admission, I should be very glad to hear.

It is really very difficult to appraise the Salmonella Problem when I know so few of your ideas. However, the choice of a problem can usually be best determined by a few discussions. Whether it will be possible to make a trip to Madison will depend more on finances than on time and distance. Thank you again!!

Sincerely yours,  
Janey —